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IN RE APPLICATION OF: MAXWELL

CASE: 57640.010274

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT

SERIAL NO.: 10/709,377

FILED ON: 30 April 2004

TITLE: RACK AND PINION WHEEL DRIVE FOR AN
INDUSTRIAL SLIDING BLADE DAMPER

ATTENTION OF: Art Unit 3376

EXAMINER: Rose, Andrew J.

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5,330,720	19 Jul. 1994	Sorbo et al.

The information presented herein further comprises the following foreign references:

Country/Doc. No.	Pub. Date	Basis for relevance
DE 32 46 227 A1	14 Dec. 1982	Pipe leakage detection apparatus, especially for nuclear plants, comprising local monitoring chambers within insulation cladding containing detectors for radioactivity, pressure, temperature or humidity
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WO 01/44773 A2	21 Jun. 2001	English abstract
WO 02/088656 A1	7 Nov. 2002	English document

Copies of the foregoing non-US references are attached for consideration by the Examiner.

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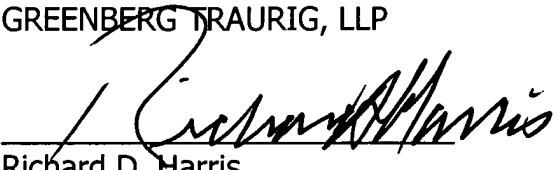
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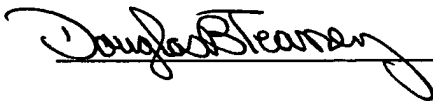
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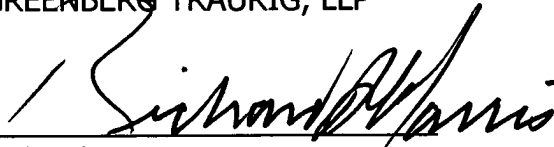


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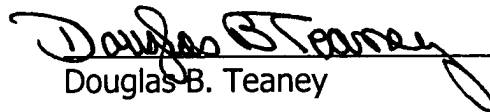
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